

**DISABILITY COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
NOVEMBER 19, 2003 / 1:00 TO 4:00 P.M.
HOUSE ROOM D, GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING, RICHMOND, VA**

- 1:00** **Welcome and Remarks from Chairman**
Lieutenant Governor Tim M. Kaine
- 1:05** **Overview of Housing Work Group Efforts: Mandates from HB 813, Olmstead Task Force, and Disability Commission Action Plan**
Basil Gooden, Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)
- 1:15** **Disability Housing in Virginia: Review and Recommendations for State Housing Strategy (2003 study commissioned by DHCD, Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS), VA Housing Development Authority (VHDA)**
Michael Morris, NCB
Representing national consultants: National Disability Institute, NCB Development Corporation, Washington, DC and Technical Assistance Collaborative, Inc., Boston, Mass. (See Executive Summary attached. For full report, <http://www.ltgov.virginia.gov/VADisabilityHousing9-15-03.pdf>).
- 1:35** **Status Report: Plans from State Agencies for Follow Up Actions to Address Olmstead Housing Team and Consultants' Recommendations:**
Basil Gooden, DHCD
Bill Fuller, VA Housing Development Authority (VHDA), and Nancy Ambler, Housing Study Commission
- 2:05** **Next Steps of Disability Commission Work Group**
 ♦ **Unfinished business**
 ♦ **Strategies: This year and coming years**
Denise Goode, Chair, Disability Commission Work Group (replacing Carey Friedman, Lt. Governor's Office)
Barbara Gilley, DSB Representative and Olmstead Task Force's Housing Issues Team: A consumer's perspective
- 2:25** **Commission's Legislative Agenda:**
Commission Work Session
- I. 2004 Legislation (agreed upon):**
- ♦ **Resolutions of Commendation (Items 1 and 2 attached)**
 ♦ **Continuing the Virginia Disability Commission (Item 3-draft attached)**

- ◆ **Potential Commission budget amendments or actions after December 17th:**
 - **Medicaid Buy-In Pilot**
 - **Medicaid Waiver for home and community services for Virginians with brain injuries**
 - **Letter from Chairman to General Assembly and/or HHR Secretary to support VACIL's "no-cost" recommendations related to Olmstead Decision compliance.**

- II. **Other Potential 2004 Legislation (Identified for consideration):**
 - **Transportation: Amending regulations on public transportation prohibition of cross-jurisdiction travel - Karen Rae, Director, DRPT and Lt. Governor Tim Kaine**
 - *Other*

3:00 Public Comment

3:50 Wrap up and Assignments
Lt. Governor Tim Kaine

4:00 Adjourn

Item 1

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.

Offered April 15, 2003 by VBPD

Commending the Honorable Robert S. Bloxom

Patrons--

WHEREAS, *Robert S. Bloxom*, after twenty seven years of tireless and dedicated work in the Virginia House of delegates, often with special focus on behalf of those Virginians with the greatest needs, has announced his retirement in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Bloxom, Vice Chairman of the Disability Commission, has demonstrated outstanding commitment and vigorous efforts toward improving the quality of life of Virginians with disabilities throughout his tenure in the House;

WHEREAS, Robert S. Bloxom, ranking seventh in House seniority and long admired by colleagues and voters from all parties, successfully implemented his brand of responsive and responsible government on behalf for those who are most in need and more vulnerable environments; and

Whereas, Robert S. Bloxom, admired for his adherence to principle and courage to stand up for his beliefs, has consistently made difficult, and sometimes unpopular decisions, and introduced bills that have helped to build more supportive communities that include all people; and

Whereas, Robert S. Bloxom, whose fiscal conservatism has been well blended with the wisdom, has work to assure that the health, safety, and well being of children and those with special needs would not be ignored; and.

Whereas, Robert S. Bloxom, with great resolve, introduced and pressed legislation that established an independent agency for the protection and advocacy of the persons with mental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Bloxom, who has served honorably; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable Robert S. Bloxom on his retirement from the Virginia House of Delegates; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Delegate Robert S. Bloxom, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration, appreciation, and best wishes.

Item 2
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
Offered April 15, 2003 by VBPD

Commending Delegate George E. Broman, Jr.

Patrons--

WHEREAS, George E. Broman, a prominent member of the House of Delegates representing the 30th District including the counties of Culpeper, Madison, and Orange (part), has announced that he will not seek re-election in 2003; and

WHEREAS, George E. Broman, a member of the Disability Commission, has demonstrated commitment and action toward improving the quality of health care of Virginians with disabilities throughout his tenure in the House and throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, George E. Broman, admired by the Virginia Board for Persons with Disabilities for his integrity, honesty, community involvement, and caring, has approached disability problems with an open mind and based his decisions on fair principles; and

WHEREAS, George E. Broman, who considers health as an individual's most valuable asset, sought to make sure health care issues and supportive services were increased for Virginians with disabilities and their families whenever feasible; and

WHEREAS, George E. Broman sought to share his medical expertise to assist the Brain Injury Community in analyzing residential needs and agreeing to seek community Medicaid waiver services, rather than nursing facility placements; and

WHEREAS, George E. Broman, who leveraged his outstanding credibility as retired surgeon and his past accomplishments as president of such organizations as the Culpeper County Medical Society, The Medical Society of Virginia, the Culpeper Memorial Hospital Foundation, the Culpeper chapter of the American Red Cross, and member of the Culpeper Chamber of Commerce, to bring about increased attention to key health related services for persons with disability; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly, and, hereby commend the Honorable George E. Broman on his retirement from the Virginia House of Delegates; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Delegate George E. Broman, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration, appreciation, and best wishes.

Item 3

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.
(Taken from HJR 34)

Continuing the work of the Disability Commission after 2004

Patron(s):

WHEREAS, in 1990 the Commission on the Coordination of the Delivery of Services to Facilitate the Self-Sufficiency and Support of Persons with Physical and Sensory Disabilities, now known formally as the Disability Commission, was established to assess the delivery of services to Virginia's citizens with physical and sensory disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the 1992 report of that Commission established a ten-year plan of action that formed a system of programs and services within an infrastructure designed to be consumer-focused and community-based; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Commission was continued by successive sessions of the General Assembly in order to provide ongoing support in developing and reviewing recommendations for service program changes and funding related to persons with physical and sensory disabilities until the year 2000 as well as designating the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities as the agency to provide staff support to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, today this Commission is comprised of 18 members and is chaired by the Lieutenant Governor; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 the Secretary of Health and Human Resources completed an evaluation of recommendations made by the Commission and provided an overview of accomplishments, as well as gaps in services, to date; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, after extensive input from consumers and other stakeholders, the Commission identified Housing, Employment, and Transportation areas as its strategic focus areas in addition to the continuing commitment to the review and expansion of its community service initiatives, which maximize the self-sufficiency of Virginians with disabilities.

WHEREAS, each year, the Commission continues to identify legislative priorities that need to be examined by the General Assembly and is viewed as a forum where the needs and issues of people with disabilities can be addressed through the joint cooperation of the legislature, the Lieutenant Governor, the Governor's appointees, and the agencies of the Executive branch; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Disability Commission will be continued until the year 20__. Technical assistance and staff support to the Disability Commission shall be coordinated by the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities.

The membership of the Disability Commission shall consist of 18 persons to be comprised in the following manner: 6 members, in accordance with the principles of Rule 16 of the Rules of the House of Delegates, and 1 former member of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; 3 members and 1 former member of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections; the Lieutenant Governor; and 6 citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, two of whom shall be consumers with disabilities. In appointing the remaining four citizen members, the Governor should consider persons representing the medical, insurance, and rehabilitation fields. The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as chairman, and a legislative member shall serve as vice-chairman.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Commission for this study, upon request. The Commission shall submit regular, periodic reports of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.